

The Watchman and Southron.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1905.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1866. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Senator Tillman's hot air has no effect upon Governor Heyward just as was anticipated. Governor Heyward knows his duty and will perform it without senatorial promptings. When Senator Tillman furnishes proof that the dispensary directors are guilty of dishonesty he will be in a position to demand their removal by Governor Heyward. It is up to the senator to make good or to quiet down.

The Honea Path mob-murder was worse, if anything, than the butchery of Kitt Bookhart at Eutawville and the men who are known to have killed the negro Pendleton should be prosecuted promptly and vigorously. So brutal and inexcusable a crime should not be winked at by the local authorities, nor condoned by those higher in authority.

Charleston's latest railroad to the West seems to be in imminent danger of getting lost in one of J. P. Morgan's deals. Morgan is the ruling power in the Southern Railway and as it is not to the interest of the Southern for Charleston to be unbottled it is not surprising that he should seek to forestall the construction of the proposed road by the purchase of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton which has ventured to formulate plans to invade the Southern territory. If Charleston wants to be unbottled her business men should join forces with those who are arranging to build from this city to connect with the Seaboard Air Line at Bethune. A railroad from Charleston to Monroe, N. C., via Sumter would give Charleston a new outlet to both the West and North.

The Alcolu railroad was inspected by the Railroad Commission last week and formally declared open for regular service. The regular schedule will be inaugurated tomorrow. This railroad opens up a large and fertile country and its development will add to the wealth and prosperity of this section of South Carolina.

The big life insurance companies in New York seem to have been infested by all sorts of grafters—personal, political and business. Everybody got a rake off except the policy holders and the Democratic party.

The Anderson Mail has fallen into the same pitfall that was the undoing of the Daily Item, a short time ago. It has taken to boasting that the Anderson dispensary is the only immaculate and unbesmirched rum shop in the State. We thought the same thing of the Sumter gin mill, but the investigation developed the fact that quite a thriving business was done in empty whiskey cases, etc. The Mail had better find out about the empty cases and other side lines before it brags any more.

Bennettsville's Bid.
An enthusiastic meeting of our citizens was held Monday night. Able addresses were delivered by Col. Livingston, Hon. J. L. McLaurin, and Mr. J. F. Everett. The subscriptions to date foot up about \$36,000. In addition to this Mrs. Harriet Beckwith has offered under conditions to contribute 12 acres of land and \$20,000 in cash to secure the college.—Marlboro Democrat.

Rembert, S. C. Sept. 15.—Mr. D. Vernon Keels, one of the best known men of this community and one of our largest and most successful farmers, was caught in his gin today about 12 o'clock and seriously injured. One hand and arm were badly mangled and amputation may be necessary, although this is not known positively, as the physician had not arrived when this message was sent.

A tonic that makes sick people well. Drives out all impurities that collect in your system. A family tonic for the sick and afflicted. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. China's Drug Store.

J. O. Vaughan, a traveling salesman for a local cotton house, who is well known in this State attempted to commit suicide in Wilmington on Sunday.

If you want your little ones strong, healthy and robust, give them Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. A tonic for the whole family. The children's friend, 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. China's Drug Store.

Governor Heyward has a request for a special term of Court, at which Jim Padgett can be tried for assaulting a young lady, near Johnston. The request for the special term of Court has the approval of Solicitor Timmerman and will be forwarded to Chief Justice Pope.

You will need to prepare your system for the coming cold weather, get your organs to work like clock work. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea taken this month will do the business. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. China's Drug Store.

Go to W. M. Graham if you need anything like a good horse.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Junius Gregg, a Good Citizen, Who Has Solved the Race Problem.

A few days ago Junius Gregg called at this office to settle his annual subscription to the Watchman and Southron. While waiting for his receipt he asked if we recollected how long he had been taking this paper and looking up the records it was found that he had been continuously on the subscription list for twenty-six years. He is by no means the oldest subscriber, but he is one of the old guard. Junius Gregg is, however, in some respects, one of the most remarkable men in Sumter county, and, while unknown beyond his immediate community, is a man whose attainments make him a worthy example to his race. He was born a slave 75 years ago on the plantation of the late Capt. J. D. McFaddin, in the Concord neighborhood. Subsequent to his emancipation he remained with his former master and continued in his service until he purchased a farm in the neighborhood. His entire life has been spent within two and a half miles of the place of his birth, and no man, white or black, has a higher reputation for honesty, industry and reliability in that community. He has raised and educated a large family—seven sons and two daughters. Five sons and two daughters were given a college education, the youngest being now at college in Pennsylvania. This is a record of which any man might be proud, a record that few men equal, no matter how great their opportunities. Considering the fact that Junius Gregg has done so much handicapped as he was, one marvels that so many men make a failure of life, although they have every advantage when they begin life.

SMITH ON THE SITUATION.

President of Southern Cotton Association Says Price Will Go Above Eleven Cents.

Mr. E. D. Smith, the president of the State organization, recently elected field agent, was in the city yesterday and put in a busy day at the office of the association in the skyscraper, answering letters and attending to the accumulated work of the last few days.

Mr. Smith said last night that the important question now before the association is the matter of warehouses. He is constantly in receipt of inquiries from farmers who want to hold their cotton and who write for advice as to where to store it. He has had a large amount sent here to the local warehouses, even if it is sometimes expensive to ship here from different points in the State. Mr. Smith fully realizes the importance of the warehouse system to the organization which he has done so much to foster and he will probably have something to say on the subject within a few days that will be of more than usual interest.

As to the price of cotton, Mr. Smith said yesterday that his advice from Texas are that the farmers there are holding for 11 cents or better. The Farmers' Union is very strong in that State and the organization is following the lead of the Southern Cotton association in this and similar matters.—The State.

AN OLD TRADER DEAD.

Mr. W. S. Epperson Dies, Aged 99, at His Home in Kentucky.

Sheriff W. H. Epperson recently received a letter informing him of the death of his uncle, Mr. W. S. Epperson at his home in Ballard county, Ky., at the advanced age of 99 years. He leaves one son and a daughter. Mr. Epperson died of measles, which he contracted while on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Chilton, of Pembroke, Ky., who is 101 years old.

Mr. W. S. Epperson was formerly well known in this county and many of the older citizens remember him. For many years prior to the war and for the first decade thereafter he made regular trips through this county selling tobacco.

One incident that occurred a few years before the war, while he was on one of his trips is often related by old citizens as an example of a quick trade. One sale day just as Mr. Epperson drove into town with five or six four horse North Carolina wagons loaded with tobacco, he met the late John A. Colclough, who was one of his regular customers. After exchanging the customary greetings, Mr. Epperson said to Mr. Colclough, "How much tobacco do you want this time?" Mr. Colclough replied instantly, "What do you want for the whole outfit—tobacco, mules and wagons?" "Let me figure a little," said Mr. Epperson, "and I will tell you."

"All right," said Mr. Colclough, "be quick about it."

Mr. Epperson made a calculation and named his price—something over \$6,000.

"I take the outfit," said Mr. Colclough, who wrote out a draft for the money and took possession of the tobacco train.

Mr. Epperson bought a team and returned to his home in Virginia to obtain another outfit of wagons and mules and a supply of tobacco.

Meetings were held in a number of counties Monday at which the farmers adopted resolutions to hold their cotton for 11 cents.

About a year ago an unsuccessful effort was made to bring about the appointment of another mail carrier for this city. The city has grown considerably since that time and four carriers would not be too many to do the work now.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, September 19.—The mean temperature for the week ending Monday, September 18th, was slightly below normal, due to very cool weather early in the week and warm at its close. The extremes of temperature were a maximum of 86 degrees at Blackville on the 12th, and a minimum of 57 degrees at Cheraw on the 15th. There was slightly less than the normal amount of bright sunshine over the southern and eastern counties and about normal amount in the central and western counties.

There were numerous showers over the eastern and southern counties, and very little rain, in many places none—over the western ones. Excessive rainfall occurred in Florence and Darlington counties, in the latter there were 8 inches recorded in 24 hours. Lands were washed, streams flooded and bridges carried away, and crops were seriously damaged on uplands as well as low lands. Generally the week's precipitation was needed and proved beneficial. Over the western and northern counties the ground is very dry and late crops are suffering for moisture. Streams and wells are becoming low, and it is too dry for fall plowing and for seeding oats.

Frequent showers interrupted farm work along the coast and to a lesser degree in a few interior southern counties, while the weather was favorable for continuous work over the greater portion of the State.

There was a slight deterioration in the condition of cotton due, mainly, to premature opening caused by rust and drought. On sandy lands the crop is nearly all open and most of it picked while over the State generally it is opening fast. Growth and fruitage have stopped, but this is immaterial, as what fruitage would be taken on after this time would not mature. Caterpillars have appeared in Berkeley county on cotton, which is the only report of damage by insects this week.

Late corn is in need of rain. There is a slight deterioration of minor crops due to want of moisture, over the western parts and a slight improvement in the eastern portions. Fall truck has improved, and recently planted seeds are germinating well. Rice harvest made good progress. Much hay and other forage was saved in prime condition.

WHO WAS HE?

The New York Police Puzzled by a Suicide.

New York, September 16.—The body of the suicide who hanged himself last night at Mamaronock, near this city, was positively identified today as that of a young man who had represented himself to be Wm. A. King, the son of a wealthy cotton mill owner of Augusta, Ga. The identification was made by Mrs. George E. Jardine, at whose house young King stopped for shelter last Monday during the height of a severe storm. The identification was confirmed by Mrs. Jardine's son. Young King had told Jardine that he was penniless, having spent all the allowance from his father. He had been warned by the latter that if he overruled his income he would have to shift for himself until the next installment was due. King said he had met a number of women while stopping in New York and had squandered his money on them. It was at first reported that the suicide was Paul Kelly, motorman of the elevated railroad train which was wrecked recently with a loss of twelve lives.

King's Story Probably False.

Augusta, Ga., September 16.—Absolutely nothing is known here as to the identity of W. A. King. The King, whose son he is said to be, has but one son, who is in the city at the present time. There is no W. A. King in the directories of the past half-dozen years. A canvass of every known King in the city has brought out no information.

LEE COUNTY COURT.

Bishopville, September 16.—In the Sessions Court on Friday afternoon in the trial of G. M. Barrett for malfeasance and misappropriation of public money, after speeches by B. F. Kelly, for the defense, and Solicitor Wilson and the charge of the Judge, the case was turned over to the jury at 5:30 p. m., who brought in a verdict of guilty, after being out about three hours.

The case of J. R. DuRant, violation of the dispensary law, was continued to the next session of court.

James Parton, charged with burglary, pleaded "guilty," and was sentenced to twelve months on the

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chain gang, or th same time in the penitentiary.

This morning Robert Kilgo, alias Robert Wright, found guilty of manslaughter, was sentenced to seven years on the chain gang or in the penitentiary.

G. McD. Barrett was sentenced to three months in the county jail and a fine of \$100. Pending an appeal, he was released on a bond of \$500.

It would pay you to see W. H. Graham's horses. They are good. 9 13-4t

There were 614 pupils enrolled at the white city schools Monday. This is the largest first day enrollment in the history of the schools.

The members of the Fairfield County Cotton Growers' Association will organize a \$25,000 company to build a cotton warehouse.

Mrs. William Bowie has gone to England to attend the settlement of an estate in which she is vitally interested. By the death of a sister she inherits a fortune of about \$40,000. This property originally belonged to two maiden aunts who left it to their two nieces they had adopted with the understanding that the property was to go to the last one of them to marry. The sister got the property, but not having married she leaves no heir but Mrs. Bowie who has gone to see after the settlement. She will visit several places in the old country before her return home.—Florence Times.

If you want a good harness horse W. M. Graham is the man to sell you.

Master's Sale.

By virtue of a Decree of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, in the State of South Carolina, in the case of George G. Mayes against Laura McLeod, Harvey McLeod and Margaret Montgomery, I will sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the Court House in the city of Sumter, in the county of Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, on saturday in October, 1905, being the second day of said month, during the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate, to wit:

All that lot or parcel of land situate in the town of Mayesville, in the county and State aforesaid, fronting on Sumter street in said town, measuring in front on said street sixty-six and two-thirds feet, and running back southeasterly the same width for two hundred and nine feet, and is bounded on the northwest by Sumter street, on the northeast and southeast by lands of J. E. Atkins, and on the southwest by lands of Geo. P. Randolph; the said lot measuring about one acre, a little more or less.

Terms of sale, cash. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers.

H. FRANK WILSON, Master for Sumter County.

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Master's Sale.

By virtue of a Decree of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, in the State of South Carolina, in the case of Catherine M. Werber against W. O. Cain, in his own right and as guardian, Marion Moise, William M. Cain, S. R. Cain, Carrie E. George, Helen E. Ramsey, Thomas J. Jackson, B. J. Jackson and J. B. Harvin, I will sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the Court House in the city of Sumter, in the county of Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, on saturday in October, 1905, being the second day of said month, during the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract of land situate in the County of Sumter, State aforesaid, containing one hundred and thirty-three acres, bounded on north by lands of H. D. Cain south by lands of John J. Rowland and Isaac Ballard, east by estate of R. B. Cain, known as the Mill tract, and west by land of A. J. China.

Second: All that tract of land situate in said county and State, containing one hundred and seventy-five acres, bounded north by lands of J. S. Richardson, south by land of J. R. Cain, east by land of F. M. Mellett and by the estate of R. M. Cain, and west by land of J. T. Jackson.

Terms of sale, cash. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers.

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This heading means a great deal, for it is no easy task to perfect every department of an establishment like ours, to handle the volume of trade that we have every reason to expect will be tendered to us this season. September so far has shown a very liberal increase over the corresponding period of last year, and if

"Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before"

THIS PROMISES TO BE

Our Banner Season.

It is indeed gratifying to note the unusual increase in the volume of business, and to say that we appreciate the confidence reposed in us, gives but a faint idea of our feelings. We regard the interest of every person that does business with us as ours, and we will do everything in our power to protect them. We cannot give away gold dollars for ninety cents, no reasonable person expects that, and whenever you find a merchant offering staple merchandise at less than cost, his object is to attract you to his store with a view of selling you something the value of which you are not familiar with, and make up his loss on the leading article, as well as a comfortable profit on the other items. Nothing of that character will be tolerated in this store; we despise it. Our business is based upon a legitimate percentage of profit, and that figured on as close a basis as is consistent with intelligent merchandising. It is true we sometimes sell goods at and below cost, but that only occurs at the end of a season, or when we have erred in buying something that did not prove to be as good a seller as we expected, or bought too freely of certain lines, then we make our loss as quickly as possible, for experience has taught us that the first loss is always the lightest. Our ambition ought to be satisfied for we are said, by those who are in a position to know, to be

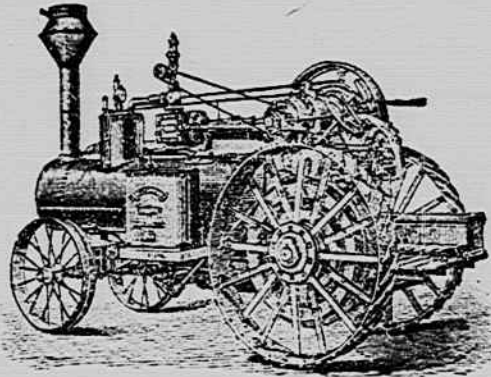
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